

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1062

By Dean

A RESOLUTION to recognize Bill Cox, District Attorney General for Chattanooga-Hamilton County, on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, Bill Cox is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for eighteen years as the District Attorney General for Chattanooga-Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, General Cox will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, prior to being elected to serve as District Attorney General in 1996, General Cox rendered sterling service as an Assistant District Attorney in Chattanooga for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Bill Cox worked for seven years as an officer with the Chattanooga Police Department; he served with bravery as a Captain in the United States Army, serving in Germany and in Vietnam, where he earned the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge; and

WHEREAS, he ably performed his duties as a criminal investigator with the Hamilton County District Attorney's Office before he attended and graduated from the Nashville School of Law, from which he earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1979; and

WHEREAS, General Cox is an active and important part of his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including standing as a member of the Chattanooga Bar Association, as a Fellow of the Chattanooga Bar Foundation, as a member of the Criminal Justice Section of the Tennessee Bar Association, as a member and past president of the

Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference, and as a member of the National District Attorney's Association; and

WHEREAS, he has served on a number of boards and committees, including the Tennessee Anti-Terrorism Task Force, the Tennessee Reentry Collaborative, the Family Violence Alliance, the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety, and the Hamilton County Public Safety Committee, among others; and

WHEREAS, General Cox has also dedicated his time and energies to furthering his education and to educating others, attending a host of professional courses and teaching a number of courses on the finer points of trial law; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Bill Cox received the 2013 Pat McCutcheon Award; and

WHEREAS, General Bill Cox exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Bill Cox has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and a grateful public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to District Attorney General Bill Cox our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.